

**EXTRA** GIANTS AND JASPER: "THAT IS HIDDEN TO NOW COMES THE GOLDEN AGE IN OUR POLITICS. **EXTRA**

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## \$25,000 FOR LAIDLAW

**Verdict Rendered in His Suit  
Against Russell Sage.**

## Choate Scores the Aged Financier in Summing Up.

**Diagram of the Office Admitted in  
To-Day's Proceedings.**

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The trial of William R. Laidlaw's \$50-

600 damage suit against Russell Sage was concluded to-day.

The jury finds that Laidlaw is entitled to \$35,000 damages.

Yesterday's proceedings concluded with

Clerk Frank Robinson in the witness chair. He testified on direct examination that Laidlaw had not been used by Mr. Sage as a shield against the bomb

of Dynamiter Norcross. But, on cross-examination by Lawyer Joseph Choate, the young man admitted that, during a brief period, when he was not observing what was going on in the office, it

was possible for Mr. Sage to have used Laidlaw as a shield without Robinson's seeing it.

Witness Langhaar was recalled on a matter of detail, and then Charles W. Osborn, cashier in Russell Sage's office, was called to testify to the fact that

Mr. Choate said this was admitted and Col. James withdrew the question. Mr. Choate asked Mr. Osborn how long he had been cashier for Sage. Col. James objected on the ground that Sage with-

Mr. Choate glibbed him a little for so

Mr. Osborn testified that he had seen Laidlaw in the office many times as messenger for Broker Bloodgood, but, like Mr. Sage, the cashier had never heard his name till after the explosion. Mr. Osborn was laid up in the hospital.

Mr. Choate recalled Mr. Sage to ask: "Who was that Mr. James who was in your office at the time of the explosion?"

Chattanooga, Tenn.  
 "Where is he now?"  
 "He is in the city."  
 "Is he in court?"  
 "He has been. I don't know."  
 "Look around and see if you can discover him."  
 Mr. Saxe looked at the big thermometer

eter on the wall that tells how overheated the chamber in the Tweed Courthouse is most of the time, but reveals nothing of the thickness of the atmosphere nor of the pneumonia-laden draught that came from every attempt to ventilate the room.

Mr. Choate got Mr. Sage to hold up to the light the diagram of the Sage offices, made at Mr. Sage's direction. Then he asked Mr. Sage if the diagram did not show erasures, and an evident

change in the lines. But Mr. Taggart couldn't see the erased lines.

"Then I'll call Mr. Taggart," announced the imperturbable Choate, and the junior counsel for Mr. Sage took the stand.

Rush Taggart denied that he had produced the diagram as a correct diagram.

“Did Mr. Sage tell you that a Mr. James sat in his private office and through an open door saw all that passed at the time of the bomb throwing?” asked Mr. Choate softly.

He objected, as Mr. Choate had asked for a communication between lawyer and client.

He drew out that the diagram had been changed. There was much objection, but Mr. Choate managed to get before the jury in the form of a statement that the diagram, though not in evidence, had been prepared for use in the former trial; that it was drawn so as to indicate

that James sitting in the adjoining room could not have seen what transpired in the outer office, and that it was afterwards altered so as to show that he could see. Also that James had been in court all through the trial, but had not been called.

This statement resulted in getting the

diagram in evidence, and Mr. Taggart was cross-examined by Choate, and testified that the changes in the diagram were made because in the original the desk had been located too far back in the room. At this Mr. Choate let the witness go, with that inimitable smile, which says on Mr. Choate's face that

That concluded the evidence on both sides, and Col. James prepared to "sum up" by moving for a dismissal of the

case, because the evidence showed that Laidlaw's injuries were caused by the unlawful act of Norcross, for which Sage was not responsible, that Sage was not guilty of any neglect of his duty as Laidlaw; that the evidence does not show that Laidlaw was moved from a place of safety.

to a place of danger; that it fails to show that Laidlaw would not have been just as much injured had he not been used as a buffer by Sage; that there was no wrongful intent of Sage and for other reasons numbering twelve. These being denied he asked that the jury be instructed to find for the

Col. James then addressed the jury. Col. James said the Court and jury had spent a week in investigating a transaction that did not occupy five minutes.

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